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1. The Army Attache, Mexico has reported that there is a distinct change in the attitude of Soviet officials in Mexico toward Department of the Army personnel; however, no attempt has been made by such officials to meet, cultivate, or entertain Department of the Army personnel, nor has there been any change observed in their representation at Western official functions.

2. On 1 July 1952 an Attache Association luncheon was held, and on 2 July a reception was given at the Russian Embassy to introduce new U.S.S.R. Attaches. At both functions the Russians were most cordial. Previous to this, none of the Russians would admit to knowing English; however at these affairs Captain 2nd Grade (Commander) Yury V. IVANOV, U.S.S.R. Naval Attache, and Lt Colonel Alexander P. APARINOV, U.S.S.R. Air Attache, both spoke to members of the Office of the Army Attache in English and translated words and phrases from English to Spanish. At the reception Mrs. TRUSOV, wife of the U.S.S.R. Army Attache, also spoke in English.

3. On 23 July 1952, at a reception given by the Ethiopian Legation, the Soviet Ambassador, Alexander N. KAPUSTIN, walked across the reception hall to effusively greet the Army Attache. He presented the Army Attache to his wife and the three chatted pleasantly for about five minutes. KAPUSTIN stated that he had worked in Washington, D.C. during the last war.

4. At the last two monthly Attache Association luncheons, it was apparent that every effort had been made to have a U.S. citizen seated next to a Soviet. Since the Secretary, Commander IVANOV, U.S.S.R. Naval Attache, is responsible for the seating arrangement, it must have been by design.

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